

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this debate has been very interesting this morning and I learned a number of things that I didn't know before and I want to reiterate my previous statement that I am not opposing this project at all, but what I am saying is that it is a project of some magnitude and I believe that the Legislature would do well to consider it and to consider it by having a public hearing. We are talking about 2.2 million dollars, as I just learned, and this is money from the NRDs which, as I understand it, mostly comes from the property tax. We have a hue and cry in here about property tax, and what I am merely saying is that we should have a public hearing and discuss this fully. Now I don't like rush jobs. I think the Legislature at times makes errors when you rush headlong into a project without proper discussion and the proponents of the resolution are saying that this is a rush job, that we need to rush into it headlong without due consideration. I submit that this is a method of getting into trouble and I believe that the best interest of all concerned would be served by having a public hearing.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right. The motion then is to refer LR 150 to Reference Committee for further reference for a hearing. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Report the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion fails. All right. Senator Frank Lewis moves, do I see five hands? You are moving to close debate on the entire resolution. All those in favor of closing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Report the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Debate ceases and, Senator Koch, you will close on the resolution.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I appreciate the debate that is offered here this morning and I know it was done in good faith. I accept it that way. Senator Lamb, I respect your point of view. I think the hearing has been held and I think you all understand it. I ask for the advancement of LR 150 to E & R Initial. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The motion is the approval of LR 150.

SENATOR KOCH: For the adoption, I am sorry.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Yes, motion is to adopt the resolution, 150. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Report the vote.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The resolution, 150, is adopted. Do you have some bills to report, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, first of all, I have an Attorney General's opinion issued to Senator Chambers regarding LB 556. That will be inserted in the Legislative Journal in full. (See pages 255-257.) Mr. President, I